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Security Information

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Special Asst. (Admin.) to DD/I

Tuesday, 17 February 1953

1. Reviewed the draft of Regulation 70 and submitted suggested revisions to Mr. Amory.

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2. Consulted with [REDACTED] on the pending revision of the 1953-54 budget estimates.

3. Had lunch with Tom Shields, Budget Officer of the "R" area in State, to discuss the present general freeze on Personnel in the State Department which has also been applied to the programs which are being supported by CIA funds--NIS, External Research, and Biographic Intelligence. I advised him that inasmuch as we considered these essential CIA responsibilities, that it was not intended that the general State freeze affect these activities. I assured him that I would take necessary steps with the Comptroller in an effort to secure the notification to State to this effect.

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25X1A9a Attended a meeting with [REDACTED] to discuss the O/SI plan for a separate pouch to avoid the difficulties being encountered in the sterilization of material and the use of pseudonyms in dispatches to the [REDACTED]. It was agreed that a separate pouch was not necessary inasmuch as O/SI could take advantage of the DD/P "true-name" pouch procedure. This involves the separate pouching of overt material in the manner in which transmittal by CIA is not evident and the material is kept separate from other material which ~~does not~~ contains pseudonyms or other data relating to DD/P activities. This procedure has been recently successfully instituted by O/RR. [REDACTED] has been most cooperative in this question and O/SI appears to be entirely satisfied in the solution to the problem.

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5. Based on recent discussions with O/SI, Department of Agriculture and Comptroller, referred to the Comptroller the proposed O/SI External Research Project proposing the financing of a study by Agriculture of the feasibility of establishing a reporting system on the morbidity of animals in the United States. I have requested the Comptroller to ascertain, from the FCDA and/or the Department of Agriculture, if it is not possible for them to provide estimated funds of \$20,000 for this study inasmuch as it is clearly not a CIA responsibility, although we have a great interest in and need for the data.

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